

### REMARKS

Claims 46-90 are pending in the application. Claims 74-76 and 80-81 have been amended such that the claims are now drawn to an apparatus. Claims 77-79 and 82-83 have been amended such that the claims are now drawn to a first unit.

Newly amended independent claim 74 is drawn to an apparatus comprising a device that is operable to:

"transmit the screen display data and the identification information to the controller through the transmission path, **to transmit updated display data to the controller when a state of said device changes**, to receive the identification information of the screen display data and operation information indicative of an operation by a user, and to operate based on the received identification information and operation information." (Emphasis Added)

Similarly, amended independent claim 80 is drawn to an apparatus and requires a device that is operable to:

"transmit the partial screen display data to the controller through the transmission path **when a state of said device changes**, is operable to transmit to the controller, through the transmission path, updated partial screen display data corresponding to partial screen display data in **which the change of state of said device is to be reflected**, is operable to receive operation information indicative of an operation by a user, and is operable to operate based on the received operation information." (Emphasis Added)

Amended independent claim 77 is drawn to a first unit and requires a controller that is operable to:

"receive screen display data indicative of an operating screen of the device and identification information for identifying the screen display data from the device through the transmission path, **to receive updated screen display data from the device when a state of the device changes**, to instruct said display to display the operating screen using the screen display data, to instruct said display to update the operating screen on said display when updated display data is received, and, in response to an operation by a user to the operating screen, to control the device by transmitting operation information indicative of the operation and the identification information to the device through the transmission path." (Emphasis Added)

Amended independent claim 82 is drawn to a first unit and requires a controller that is operable to:

"receive a plurality of partial screen display data indicative of an operating screen of the device through the transmission path from the device, is operable to receive updated partial screen display data corresponding to partial screen display data **in which a change of state of the device is to be reflected**, to display the operating screen on said display using the partial screen display data, to update the operating screen on said display using the updated partial screen display data, and in response to an operation by a user to the operating screen, to control the device by transmitting operation information indicative of the operation through the transmission path to the device." (Emphasis Added)


Although the scope of each of claims 74-83 has been changed by the current amendment, i.e., claim 74-76 and 80-81 are now drawn to an apparatus whereas claims 77-79 and 82-83 are now drawn to a first unit, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over the prior art of record for the reasons discussed in the Response filed June 26, 2003.

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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